

1. Which of the following is not a reason for celebrating Shabbat? [1 mark]
A) a sign of the Covenant with Moses B) God made the world in 6 days and then rested
C) Jews are no longer slaves thanks to God D) a sign of the Covenant with Abraham
2. Give two things that Jews do to celebrate Shabbat in the synagogue. [2 marks]

Friday evening service with prayers before the evening meal/ Saturday service, starts early and lasts for several hours/ The Torah is processed around the Synagogue/ The Torah is read (same passage all around the world/ the service is conducted from the Siddur/ Some Jews share Kiddush after the service – wine and cake/ Some Jews stay at the synagogue to study after the service

3. Explain two things that Jews do to celebrate Shabbat in the home. [4 marks]

Light two candles> woman of the house> to welcome in Shabbat. Candle 1 = zakhor (remember Shabbat), Candle 2 shamor = (observe Shabbat). After synagogue, man of house recites Kiddush with blessing over wine. Blessing over two loaves of challah bread. Friday evening meal>special meal as a family, best clothes & crockery etc. No work/homework. No electricity etc

4. Explain two reasons why Jews celebrate Shabbat.

[5 mark]

A sign of the covenant with Moses > one of the Mitzvot (Exodus). Reminder that they are no longer slaves > freedom from Egypt > no employees to work on Shabbat (Exodus). God rested on 7th day (Genesis)

5. 'The most important aspect of Shabbat is the Friday night meal.'

[12 marks]

Reasons to agree:

Before the meal, the man of house recites Kiddush with blessing over wine. Blessing over two loaves of challah bread. Very special meal > family time, best clothes & crockery etc. The meal is leisurely and not rushed (shows importance) Special songs are sung that reflect the themes of Shabbat. Families talk about their religion and the Torah and come together as a unit and celebrate their faith and tradition.

Reasons to disagree:

The synagogue is more important: Special prayers on Friday evening. On Saturday the Torah is taken out of the Ark and Jews can show respect by trying to touch it with their tzit-tzit. Torah reading is the same all around the world> shows unity with all of the Jewish people. Opportunity to learn: from the rabbi/other Jews/ study of the Torah

Rest is more important: Shabbat means rest> this should be the focus
God should be the focus: thankful for all he has done